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Mr. Robert Taub Postal Regulatory Commission 901 New York Ave NW Washington DC 20268

Dear Mr. Taub:

I am writing to argue against recent proposals by the Postmaster General. I don't think he has the best interests of normal citizens in mind. Since postal delivery is so important that the founders of our nation put it into the US Constitution, I think all residents of this country should have access to it. Closing small post offices, especially in rural areas cuts people off in too many ways. So do longer delivery times and fewer services. These cuts make America less great.

From my vantage point, it looks like the Postmaster General is sabotaging the best interests of the nation. I was horrified that he discarded huge, expensive sorting machines and had them destroyed. This flies in the face of all logic if we want our post offices to function well.

I think postal services should be **expanded.** I strongly favor reinstating the postal banking system, especially check cashing. I personally do not have to pay a fee to have access to my social security payments, yet people getting welfare type monies often pay \$2 -\$5 to cash checks and may have to pay a \$3 ATM fee every single time they make a withdrawal from their funds. To me that is as bad as drawing plasma from a sick person who is receiving a blood transfusion. With postal banking, unbanked people (who banks aren't eager to serve anyway) could save money for emergencies and not have to turn to usury-type payday loan outfits.

Please do everything possible to protect current postal services and even expand them to include postal banking. Thanks for your attention.

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Sincerely.

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